



# **FIRST COMMITMENT CHARACTERISTICS CALENDAR YEAR 2004**

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## MISSION AND VALUES

***THE MISSION OF THE YOUTH AUTHORITY** is to protect the public from criminal activity by providing education, training, and treatment services for youthful offenders committed by the courts; directing these offenders to participate in community and victim restoration; assisting local justice agencies with their efforts to control crime and delinquency; and encouraging the development of state and local programs to prevent crime and delinquency.*

*In order to enhance our ability to accomplish our mission, we have a shared set of values. **WE VALUE:***

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- **The Worth of the Individual**  
*We treat all people with dignity, respect, and consideration.*
- **People's Ability to Grow and Change**  
*We believe people have the ability to grow and change, and we provide the opportunity for them to do so.*
- **Staff as our Greatest Resource**  
*We encourage staff to develop personally and professionally and to participate in decision making.*
- **Ethical and Moral Behavior**  
*We demonstrate behavior which is fair, honest, and ethical both on and off the job.*
- **Citizen Participation**  
*We invite public involvement, support, and assistance to plan, deliver, and evaluate programs.*
- **Excellence**  
*Our performance demonstrates a commitment to and recognition of quality, dedication, and innovation.*
- **A Safe and Healthy Environment**  
*We believe that physical and mental health are important, and our commitment is to provide a safe and secure work and living environment.*

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## INTRODUCTION

The characteristics presented in the following tables include such commitment statistics as court of commitment, primary commitment offense, and average age at the time of commitment, as well as offender profile information such as ethnicity and prior delinquent behavior. Significant statistics are highlighted on the next page.

CYA cases are offenders who have been committed directly to the Youth Authority. CDC cases are offenders from criminal court who have been committed to the Department of Corrections but who are ordered by the court to be housed in Youth Authority facilities pursuant to Section 1731.5(c) of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

The primary commitment offense categories used in this report consists of the following:

<u>Violent Offenses:</u>	Homicide, robbery, all types of assaults, forcible rape, and kidnapping.
<u>Property Offenses:</u>	Burglary, theft (including auto), forgery and check offenses, and arson.
<u>Narcotic and Drug Offenses:</u>	All offenses related to narcotics and dangerous drugs.
<u>Other Offenses:</u>	All offenses not specified above.

Information for this report is gathered from Referral Documents and Reception Center-Clinic Summaries.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2004, there were 891 first commitments to the Youth Authority, of which 838 (94%) were direct commitments (CYA cases) and 53 (6%) were offenders who were committed to prison, but who were ordered to serve at least part of their sentence at the Youth Authority (CDC cases).
- Of the 891 first commitments, 94 percent were from Juvenile Court and 6 percent were from Criminal Court. Of the 838 CYA cases, almost 100 percent were from Juvenile Court and less than 1 percent were from Criminal Court.
- By area, 47 percent of commitments came from Southern California, with 53 percent from Northern California.
- Sixty percent of the offenders were committed primarily for a violent offense, 21 percent for a property offense, 4 percent for a drug offense, and 16 percent for another offense.
- The average age of the first commitments at the time of admission was 17.2 years.
- Fifty-one percent of all 2004 first commitments were Hispanic, 28 percent were African American, 14 percent were White, 5 percent were Asian, and 2 percent were Other.
- Nineteen percent of the first commitments had no prior conviction or sustained petition.

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY - 2004  
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CHARACTERISTICS	***** MALES *****										***** FEMALES *****									
	TOTAL		TOTAL CYA CASES		TOTAL		JUVENILE COURT		CRIMINAL COURT		JUVENILE & CRIMINAL		TOTAL CDC CASES		CRIMINAL COURT		CRIMINAL COURT			
	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT
TOTAL FIRST ADMISSIONS	891		838		794		792		2		44		53		48		5			
COURT OF COMMITMENT	891	100.0	838	100.0	794	100.0	792	100.0	2	100.0	44	100.0	53	100.0	48	100.0	5	100.0		
JUVENILE	835	93.7	835	99.6	792	99.7	792	100.0	0	0.0	43	97.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
CRIMINAL	56	6.3	3	0.4	2	0.3	0	0.0	2	100.0	1	2.3	53	100.0	48	100.0	5	100.0		
COUNTY OF COMMITMENT	891	100.0	838	100.0	794	100.0	792	100.0	2	100.0	44	100.0	53	100.0	48	100.0	5	100.0		
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA	190	21.3	189	22.6	177	22.3	177	22.3	0	0.0	12	27.3	1	1.9	0	0.0	1	20.0		
ALAMEDA	52	5.8	52	6.2	49	6.2	49	6.2	0	0.0	3	6.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
CONTRA COSTA	25	2.8	25	3.0	22	2.8	22	2.8	0	0.0	3	6.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
MONTEREY	48	5.4	48	5.7	47	5.9	47	5.9	0	0.0	1	2.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
SAN FRANCISCO	11	1.2	11	1.3	11	1.4	11	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
SAN MATEO	15	1.7	15	1.8	13	1.6	13	1.6	0	0.0	2	4.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
SANTA CLARA	16	1.8	16	1.9	15	1.9	15	1.9	0	0.0	1	2.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
10 OTHER COUNTIES	23	2.6	22	2.6	20	2.5	20	2.5	0	0.0	2	4.5	1	1.9	0	0.0	1	20.0		
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	278	31.2	260	31.0	244	30.7	244	30.8	0	0.0	16	36.4	18	34.0	16	33.3	2	40.0		
BUTTE	4	0.4	4	0.5	4	0.5	4	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
FRESNO	66	7.4	66	7.9	61	7.7	61	7.7	0	0.0	5	11.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
KERN	16	1.8	16	1.9	16	2.0	16	2.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
MADERA	5	0.6	5	0.6	4	0.5	4	0.5	0	0.0	1	2.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
SACRAMENTO	26	2.9	24	2.9	22	2.8	22	2.8	0	0.0	2	4.5	2	3.8	2	4.2	0	0.0		
SAN JOAQUIN	14	1.6	10	1.2	9	1.1	9	1.1	0	0.0	1	2.3	4	7.5	2	4.2	2	40.0		
STANISLAUS	17	1.9	16	1.9	14	1.8	14	1.8	0	0.0	2	4.5	1	1.9	1	2.1	0	0.0		
TULARE	34	3.8	32	3.8	31	3.9	31	3.9	0	0.0	1	2.3	2	3.8	2	4.2	0	0.0		
25 OTHER COUNTIES	96	10.8	87	10.4	83	10.5	83	10.5	0	0.0	4	9.1	9	17.0	9	18.8	0	0.0		
LOS ANGELES	191	21.4	171	20.4	163	20.5	163	20.6		0.0	8	18.2	20	37.7	18	37.5	2	40.0		
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	232	26.0	218	26.0	210	26.4	208	26.3	2	100.0	8	18.2	14	26.4	14	29.2	0	0.0		
ORANGE	42	4.7	42	5.0	41	5.2	41	5.2	0	0.0	1	2.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
RIVERSIDE	65	7.3	59	7.0	55	6.9	55	6.9	0	0.0	4	9.1	6	11.3	6	12.5	0	0.0		
SAN BERNARDINO	74	8.3	70	8.4	68	8.6	68	8.6	0	0.0	2	4.5	4	7.5	4	8.3	0	0.0		
SAN DIEGO	33	3.7	31	3.7	30	3.8	29	3.7	1	50.0	1	2.3	2	3.8	2	4.2	0	0.0		
SANTA BARBARA	6	0.7	5	0.6	5	0.6	4	0.5	1	50.0	0	0.0	1	1.9	1	2.1	0	0.0		
VENTURA	10	1.1	9	1.1	9	1.1	9	1.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.9	1	2.1	0	0.0		
2 OTHER COUNTIES	2	0.2	2	0.2	2	0.3	2	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		

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PRIMARY COMMITMENT																		
OFFENSE	891	100.0	838	100.0	794	100.0	792	100.0	2	100.0	44	100.0	53	100.0	48	100.0	5	100.0
VIOLENT OFFENSES	531	59.6	487	58.1	457	57.6	455	57.4	2	100.0	30	68.2	44	83.0	39	81.3	5	100.0
PROPERTY OFFENSES	186	20.9	181	21.6	172	21.7	172	21.7	0	0.0	9	20.5	5	9.4	5	10.4	0	0.0
NARCOTIC/DRUG OFFENSES	35	3.9	35	4.2	33	4.2	33	4.2	0	0.0	2	4.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER OFFENSES	139	15.6	135	16.1	132	16.6	132	16.7	0	0.0	3	6.8	4	7.5	4	8.3	0	0.0
ETHNIC GROUP																		
WHITE	122	13.7	118	14.1	108	13.6	108	13.6	0	0.0	10	22.7	4	7.5	4	8.3	0	0.0
HISPANIC	456	51.2	423	50.5	409	51.5	408	51.5	1	50.0	14	31.8	33	62.3	28	58.3	5	100.0
AFRICAN AMERICAN	249	27.9	238	28.4	220	27.7	219	27.7	1	50.0	18	40.9	11	20.8	11	22.9	0	0.0
ASIAN	42	4.7	39	4.7	39	4.9	39	4.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	5.7	3	6.3	0	0.0
OTHER	22	2.5	20	2.4	18	2.3	18	2.3	0	0.0	2	4.5	2	3.8	2	4.2	0	0.0
AVERAGE AGE AT ADMISSION	17.2		17.2		17.2		17.2		17.5		16.6		17.0		17.0		17.3	
OFFENDER'S MARITAL STATUS																		
NEVER MARRIED	799	100.0	760	100.0	719	100.0	717	100.0	2	100.0	41	100.0	39	100.0	34	100.0	5	100.0
PRESENTLY MARRIED	793	99.2	754	99.2	713	99.2	711	99.2	2	100.0	41	100.0	39	100.0	34	100.0	5	100.0
NO LONGER MARRIED	5	0.6	5	0.7	5	0.7	5	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
NO LONGER MARRIED	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
OFFENDER'S CHILDREN*																		
NONE	818	100.0	778	100.0	736	100.0	734	100.0	2	100.0	42	100.0	40	100.0	35	100.0	5	100.0
ONE	709	86.7	675	86.8	635	86.3	633	86.2	2	100.0	40	95.2	34	85.0	29	82.9	5	100.0
TWO OR MORE	91	11.1	85	10.9	83	11.3	83	11.3	0	0.0	2	4.8	6	15.0	6	17.1	0	0.0
TWO OR MORE	18	2.2	18	2.3	18	2.4	18	2.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
OFFENDER'S SIBLINGS																		
NONE	789	100.0	750	100.0	712	100.0	710	100.0	2	100.0	38	100.0	39	100.0	34	100.0	5	100.0
ONE	26	3.3	26	3.5	21	2.9	21	3.0	0	0.0	5	13.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
TWO	77	9.8	73	9.7	68	9.6	68	9.6	0	0.0	5	13.2	4	10.3	4	11.8	0	0.0
THREE	156	19.8	151	20.1	143	20.1	142	20.0	1	50.0	8	21.1	5	12.8	4	11.8	1	20.0
FOUR OR MORE	148	18.8	141	18.8	138	19.4	137	19.3	1	50.0	3	7.9	7	17.9	6	17.6	1	20.0
FOUR OR MORE	382	48.4	359	47.9	342	48.0	342	48.2	0	0.0	17	44.7	23	59.0	20	58.8	3	60.0
PARENT'S MARITAL STATUS																		
NEVER MARRIED	808	100.0	763	100.0	721	100.0	719	100.0	2	100.0	42	100.0	45	100.0	40	100.0	5	100.0
PRESENTLY MARRIED	278	34.4	270	35.4	257	35.6	255	35.5	2	100.0	13	31.0	8	17.8	8	20.0	0	0.0
NO LONGER MARRIED	147	18.2	140	18.3	137	19.0	137	19.1	0	0.0	3	7.1	7	15.6	7	17.5	0	0.0
NO LONGER MARRIED	383	47.4	353	46.3	327	45.4	327	45.5	0	0.0	26	61.9	30	66.7	25	62.5	5	100.0

\*A significant percentage of this information is self-reported and has not been independently verified.

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RELIGION	760	100.0	720	100.0	678	100.0	676	100.0	2	100.0	42	100.0	40	100.0	35	100.0	5	100.0		
CATHOLIC	308	40.5	289	40.1	277	40.9	276	40.8	1	50.0	12	28.6	19	47.5	15	42.9	4	80.0		
PROTESTANT	271	35.7	256	35.6	230	33.9	230	34.0	0	0.0	26	61.9	15	37.5	14	40.0	1	20.0		
NONE	98	12.9	96	13.3	96	14.2	96	14.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	5.0	2	5.7	0	0.0		
OTHER	83	10.9	79	11.0	75	11.1	74	10.9	1	50.0	4	9.5	4	10.0	4	11.4	0	0.0		
DISABILITIES	797	100.0	757	100.0	716	100.0	714	100.0	2	100.0	41	100.0	40	100.0	35	100.0	5	100.0		
NONE	738	92.6	703	92.9	664	92.7	662	92.7	2	100.0	39	95.1	35	87.5	30	85.7	5	100.0		
HANDICAP PRESENT	59	7.4	54	7.1	52	7.3	52	7.3	0	0.0	2	4.9	5	12.5	5	14.3	0	0.0		
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	891	100.0	838	100.0	794	100.0	792	100.0	2	100.0	44	100.0	53	100.0	48	100.0	5	100.0		
NO	594	66.7	552	65.9	512	64.5	511	64.5	1	50.0	40	90.9	42	79.2	37	77.1	5	100.0		
YES	297	33.3	286	34.1	282	35.5	281	35.5	1	50.0	4	9.1	11	20.8	11	22.9	0	0.0		
CO-OFFENDERS	808	100.0	769	100.0	727	100.0	725	100.0	2	100.0	42	100.0	39	100.0	34	100.0	5	100.0		
NONE	416	51.5	404	52.5	382	52.5	381	52.6	1	50.0	22	52.4	12	30.8	10	29.4	2	40.0		
ONE OR TWO	277	34.3	261	33.9	246	33.8	246	33.9	0	0.0	15	35.7	16	41.0	15	44.1	1	20.0		
THREE OR MORE	115	14.2	104	13.5	99	13.6	98	13.5	1	50.0	5	11.9	11	28.2	9	26.5	2	40.0		
PRIOR CONVICTIONS OR SUSTAINED PETITIONS	802	100.0	764	100.0	723	100.0	721	100.0	2	100.0	41	100.0	38	100.0	33	100.0	5	100.0		
NONE	155	19.3	140	18.3	132	18.3	132	18.3	0	0.0	8	19.5	15	39.5	13	39.4	2	40.0		
ONE	116	14.5	106	13.9	101	14.0	100	13.9	1	50.0	5	12.2	10	26.3	9	27.3	1	20.0		
TWO	134	16.7	129	16.9	125	17.3	125	17.3	0	0.0	4	9.8	5	13.2	4	12.1	1	20.0		
THREE	100	12.5	96	12.6	93	12.9	93	12.9	0	0.0	3	7.3	4	10.5	3	9.1	1	20.0		
FOUR	103	12.8	101	13.2	98	13.6	98	13.6	0	0.0	3	7.3	2	5.3	2	6.1	0	0.0		
FIVE OR MORE	194	24.2	192	25.1	174	24.1	173	24.0	1	50.0	18	43.9	2	5.3	2	6.1	0	0.0		
PRIOR COMMITMENTS	815	100.0	777	100.0	735	100.0	733	100.0	2	100.0	42	100.0	38	100.0	33	100.0	5	100.0		
NONE	444	54.5	411	52.9	369	50.2	368	50.2	1	50.0	42	100.0	33	86.8	28	84.8	5	100.0		
ONE	121	14.8	119	15.3	119	16.2	119	16.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	5.3	2	6.1	0	0.0		
TWO	104	12.8	101	13.0	101	13.7	101	13.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	7.9	3	9.1	0	0.0		
THREE OR MORE	146	17.9	146	18.8	146	19.9	145	19.8	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
PRIOR ESCAPES	817	100.0	777	100.0	735	100.0	733	100.0	2	100.0	42	100.0	40	100.0	35	100.0	5	100.0		
NONE	624	76.4	586	75.4	547	74.4	545	74.4	2	100.0	39	92.9	38	95.0	33	94.3	5	100.0		
ONE OR MORE	193	23.6	191	24.6	188	25.6	188	25.6	0	0.0	3	7.1	2	5.0	2	5.7	0	0.0		



